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LEFEVRE HAS ASKED USG PASS FOLLOWING MEMO WRITTEN BY HIMSELF CONCERNING APRIL 25 HEARING TO ABOUZEID, SHALP AND NOTTINGHAN. QUOTE THE MAGISTRATE, MR. FAMAKINWA, APPEARED IN COURT AT APPROXIMATELY 09.30. I WAS REPRESENTED BY CHIEF F.R.A. WILLIAMS ( ROTIMI WILLIAMS) AND FRED EGBE BY HIS ASSOCIATE, REMI ODOFIN. THE MAGISTRATE ASKED THE PROSECUTOR, MR. WAZIRI, WHETHER HE WAS READY TO PROCEED WITH THE TRIAL. THE PROSECUTOR STATED THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED BU THAT HE NEEDED MORE TIME TO STUDY THE CASE SINCE IT WAS A COMPLICATED ONE. THE MAGISTRATE ASKED HIM HOW MANY WITNESSES HE INTENDED TO CALL. MR. WAZIRI CONSULTED WITH MR. TANNO, ONE OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS, AND THEN SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO CALL EIGHT WITNESSES. THE MAGISTRATE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO PROCEED ON LEAVE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH BEGINNING MAY 15TH, AND SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROCEEDINGS WERE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME THE TRIAL SHOULD BEGIN AT ONCE. HE SAID THAT HE HIMSELF INTENDED TO GO ON A TRIP NEXT WEEK FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS, AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMPLICATED NATURE OF THE CASE HE WISHED TO HANDLE THE MATTER HIMSELF. HE THEN PROPOSED THAT THE CASE BE POST-PONED UNTIL AFTER THE MAGISTRATE'S RETURN. AT THIS POINT CHIEF

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WILLIAMS MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON MY BEHALF THAT I HAD FINISHED MY DUTIES IN NIGERIA AND WAS MERELY AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE. HE SAID I WAS NOT ON SALARY AT PRESENT AND THAT THE DELAY RESULTING FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S ABSENCE WOULD CAUSE MY HARDSHIP. THE MAGISTRATE ENQUIRED WHETHER MY FAMILY WERE STILL IN NIGERIA. WHEN HE WAS INFORMED THAT SUCH WAS THE CASE, HE STATED THAT IT WAS

MY EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER ME UNTIL THE CASE WAS OVER. THE PROSECUTOR CONTRIBUTED AT THIS POINT THAT I WAS NOT LEAVING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE PARENT ORGANIZATION BUT RATHER BEING TRANSFERRED AND THIS APPEARED TO DECIDE THE MAGISTRATE IN FAVOUR OF POSTPONING THE CASE. AT THIS POINT, MR. ODOFIN STATED ON FRED EGBE'S BEHALF THAT THE POLICE HAD COLLECTED SOME CASH FROM HIS OFFICE AND WERE HOLDING HIS PASSPORT, THERE BY MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO CONDUCT HIS PRACTICE. THE MAGISTRATE ASKED THE PROSECUTOR WHY THE PASSPORT WAS BEING HELD, AND THE PROSECUTOR REPLIED THAT FRED WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION IN ANOTHER CASE AND THAT THE POLICE DID NOT WISH HIM TO HAVE CONTACT WITH CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OVERSEAS. THE MAGISTRATE SAID HE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH ANY INVESTIGATION NOT INVOLVING THE CASE AT HAND. HE TOLD FRED THAT THERE WERE AVENUES OPEN TO HIM TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO HAVE HIS PASSPORT RETURNED. HE THEN CONSULTED HIS DIARY, AND SAID THAT HE PROPOSED TO LIST THE CASE FOR HEARING ON JUNE 23RD. EGBE AND I WERE THEN EXCUSED FROM COURT. WE HAD A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF WILLIAMS AND ODOFIN OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM; EGBE INDICATED HE INTENDED TO SUBMIT A PETITION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKING HIM TO INTERVENE IN THE CASE. CHIEF WILLIAMS AGREED THAT THIS WAS AN ALTERNATE WORTH CONSIDERING. AT THIS POINT THE PROSECUTOR, WAZIRI, APPEARED AND JOVIALY SHOOK HANDS ALL AROUND. EGBE ASKED HIM WHETHER HE (EGBE) DESERVE SUCH TREATMENT, TO WHICH QUESTION WAZIRI REPLIED 'I AM ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN MY TURN CAME, I LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID 'YOU WON'T FORGET TO BE HERE ON JUNE 23RD, WILL YOU?'  
UNQUOTE  
WYMAN

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